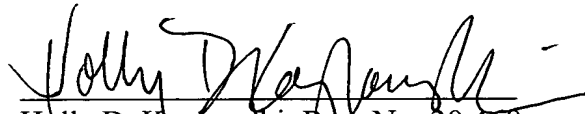


REMARKS

The present Amendment corrects several typographical errors which were included in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability dated November 10, 2004.

Specifically, claim 8 is amended in the preamble to change "ion-exchanged" to "ion-exchange" while claim 11 is amended in paragraph b) to recite the correct verb tense. It is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, do not raise any new issues subsequent to issuance of the Notice of Allowance, and relate to formal matters only. Entry is therefore believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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